

August 2002

GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

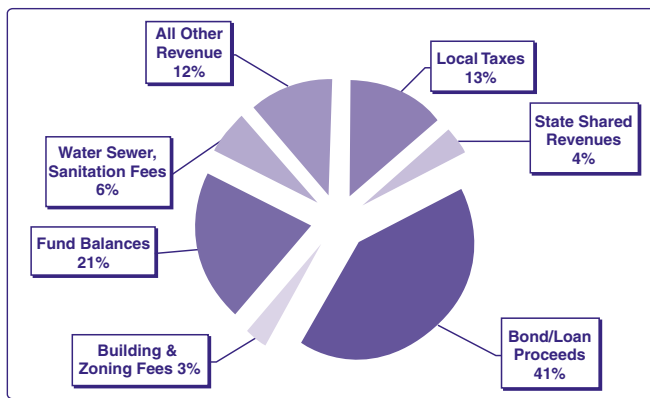
NEW BUDGET APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

The City Council last month adopted the fiscal year 2002-2003 City Budget that includes a modest 3.5% increase in expenditures and a combined property tax rate of \$2.04 per \$100 of assessed value.

The new budget totaling \$134,345,578 is based on anticipated revenues of \$137,107,748. The fiscal year began July 1, 2002 and ends June 30, 2003.

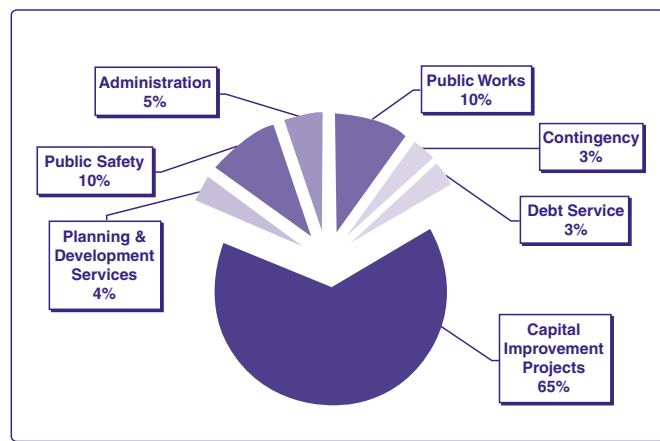
The Council approved funding for 18 new positions in public safety (8), public works (6), community development (3), and general administration (1). Even with these additions, the ratio of 9.36 City employees per 1,000 residents is a 25% decrease from the 12.45 employees per 1,000 residents five years ago.

For more information or a copy of the 2002-2003 Budget, call the City Finance Department at 623-932-3015.

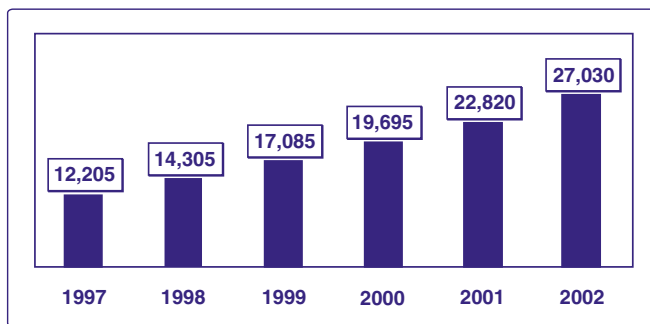


Where the Money Comes From

Where The Money Goes By Program



Population as of July 1



City Council Calendar

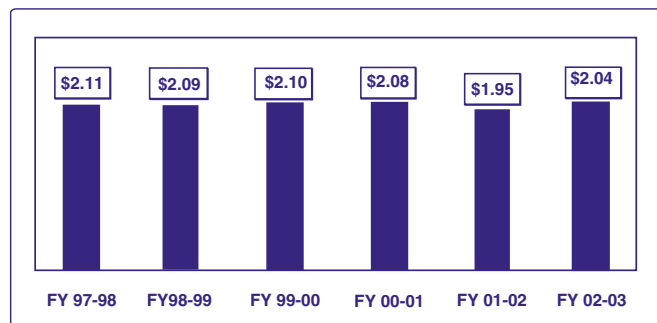
No City Council meetings are scheduled in August. Meetings will resume in September.

General Plan Update
OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 22
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

Combined Property Tax Rate





Mayor William O. Arnold

MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

Goodyear lost a good friend and community leader in July with the passing of **Mrs. Vera Pierce**. Mrs. Pierce served for 30 years on the City's Planning & Zoning Commission. Last October, she attended the Open House for the interim City Hall where she donated antique quilts to decorate the building.



Two of the five programs nominated by the City of Goodyear won **Desert Peaks Awards** recently from the Maricopa Association of Governments.

The **Westside Training Consortium**, nominated by Goodyear's Deputy Fire Chief Mike Ullman, won the Public Partnership Award. The Consortium is a partnership of 13 West Valley fire departments that work together training firefighters to perform emergency service work more safely and effectively. Consortium members include the fire departments of Avondale, Buckeye, Daisy Mountain (New River), El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Luke Air Force Base, Rural Metro (West District), Peoria, Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise and Tolleson.

The **Regional Plan Review**, nominated by Goodyear's Chief Building Official Steve Burger, is a streamlined system for approving residential building plans that eliminates the need for each participating jurisdiction to complete a separate plan review. This joint approach reduces travel, costs, and processing times for the municipalities, the builders and the homebuyers involved. The seven participating municipalities include Avondale, Cave Creek, Gilbert, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Peoria and Surprise.

Also, the City's Economic Development Department received honors at the **Arizona Association for Economic Development** (AAED) Annual Conference in Page recently. The department was named "Small Organization of the Year" recognizing outstanding contribution to statewide economic development efforts. The Council is proud of these awards and of the City staff who are always looking for ways to better serve the community.



I was pleased to host **Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano** when she visited City Hall earlier this summer. We had a good discussion about issues and needs faced by Southwest Valley communities and Goodyear, specifically.



Goodyear taxpayers received a wonderful gift on June 27 when, on behalf of SunChase/Estrella, General Manager Wayne Hancock contributed \$2.6 million to help the City construct the new **Estrella Mountain Ranch Public Safety Facility**. The facility is scheduled to open in 2003 and will house both fire and police. The City Council and Fire Department look forward to improving response time to an acceptable four minutes.



The Palm Valley Water Reclamation Facility, privately owned and operated by SunCor, was dedicated earlier this summer. This attractive facility will help support residential growth in Goodyear north of Interstate 10. With the public art contributed by Gallery 37 students, it's hard to tell whether this is an art museum or a sewer plant!

Sincerely,

William O. Arnold

Fast Facts



Join the Relay For Life, a fun filled, overnight fundraising event for the American Cancer Society where teams of people take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. The City of Goodyear is a sponsor of this event to be held September 28-29 at Estrella Mountain Regional Park. To form or join a team, call (602) 586-7401.



Vote for your favorite "West Valley Treasure" and help to uncover the best places to go and the great things to do in the West Valley. Cast your vote online through August 15 by logging on to www.westvalley.azcentral.com, or pick up a survey at the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce, 289 N. Litchfield Road.



The annual Southwest Valley Citizen Academy begins September 12 and runs for eight weeks at Estrella Mountain Community College (EMCC). Goodyear is a founding sponsor of this program for citizens to learn first hand about how local government operates covering topics such as budgeting, planning & zoning, neighborhoods, public safety and economic development. Cost is \$10 per session or \$50 for the series. For information and to register, call EMCC at 623-935-8492.



The Labor Day holiday refuse collection is as follows. Monday, September 2: No collection for uncontained trash. Uncontained refuse for Tuesday's route will be collected with Wednesday's uncontained refuse route.



August water conservation tip: Running only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines and using the appropriate water level reduces water waste. It also maximizes energy conservation and lowers air conditioning needs by reducing humidity inside the home.



*Goodyear City Council
(Back, L to R): Frank Cavalier, Dick Sousa, Jim Cavanaugh, Sue Linney.
(Front, L to R): Vice Mayor Seth Kanter, Mayor William Arnold and Ken Porter.*

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

A Summary of Major Actions

JULY 8, 2002

- Approved the Final Plat for Parcel 24 of Palm Valley Phase II, subdividing 27.25 acres into 53 single-family lots and 6 tracts.
- Approved the final plat for PebbleCreek Phase II Unit 35, subdividing 10.62 acres into 45 standard single-family lots generally located at the northwest corner of Pebble Creek Parkway and Clubhouse Drive.
- Ratified a change order for \$233,994.93 with Nesbitt Contracting for reconstruction of Western Avenue from Litchfield Road to Fourth Avenue and for finish course asphalt on Litchfield Road between Indian School Road and Wigwam Boulevard.
- Approved a tentative budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 and set a public hearing for July 22, 2002.
- Approved a fiscal year 2000-2001 budget appropriation shift of \$392,568 from the Capital Improvement Program Fund to the Highway User Revenue Fund.
- Authorized staff to process a request submitted by Protitlement for annexation of 280.62 acres (known as Palm Canyon Ranch Annexation) generally located north of Van Buren Street and south of Roosevelt Road between Citrus and Perryville Roads..

JULY 22, 2002

- Ratified four change orders totaling \$123,356.60 with Quackenbush Construction Corp. for construction of Bullard Avenue and Estrella Parkway bicycle lanes and authorized the transfer of \$28,196 from contingency funds.
- Reappointed David Ellis and John Kreger and appointed Paul Home, Edwin Peck and Chuck Sullivan to the Fire/Building Code Appeals Board for one-year terms ending December 31, 2003.
- Approved an amendment for \$98,525 to the professional services contract for the design of Phase II of the Community Park.
- Authorized the renewal of the Maricopa County Animal Control Services contract for field services.
- Accepted the Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance federal grant for \$88,957 and authorized an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Avondale.
- Held a public hearing to consider an appeal from Recorp of its rezoning request and continued conditional rezoning of 207 acres known as "El Cidro Ranch" from Agricultural to Preliminary Planned Area Development Mixed Uses.
- Approved a Special Use Permit to allow a church facility at the northwest corner of 161st Lane and Van Buren Street.

- Authorized initiating the annexation of the Thomas Road alignment from Litchfield Road to Loop 303, and Sarival Avenue from McDowell Road to the Thomas Road alignment.
- Amended zoning and provided a Freeway Development Overlay District for property improvements near the I-10 and Loop 303 freeways including noise walls and sound mitigation measures.
- Authorized an agreement with Arizona Public Service Company and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District requiring payment of \$2.5 million to the City to mitigate the impact of routing a 500kv power transmission line through the City.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved a primary property tax levy of \$2,597,865 for fiscal year 2002-2003.
- Conducted a public hearing and adopted the final estimates of proposed City expenditures for the fiscal year 2002-2003.
- Authorized the sale of \$11,060,000 in general obligation bonds, Series 2002.
- Amended the City Code to adopt a Parks, Open Space and Community Facilities Development Fee on all new and projected residential development for the period 2000-2020 with the exception of specifically identified projects to benefit the City's estimated build out population at the level of service based on the current Open Space plan.
- Amended the City Code to add a Library Development Fee on all new and projected residential development to provide for libraries for the period 2000-2020 at the level of service based on the City's current Library Capital Improvement Plan.
- Amended the City Code to update fees on all new and projected residential development to provide for police, fire and emergency services, municipal, public works and transportation facilities for the period 2000-2020 at the level of service currently provided to existing residents.
- Conducted a joint Council and Estrella Mountain Ranch Community Facilities District meeting. Accepted water, sanitary sewer and street improvements for Estrella Parkway Extension completed by SunChase Estrella. Authorized reimbursements of \$196,190.99 and \$125,294.65 from the Special Assessment Lien Bond Series 2000 Funds.

JULY 29, 2002

- Set the combined primary and secondary property tax levies at \$2.04 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Adopted sign code revisions.

Did You Know?

Goodyear residents who responded to a survey on the City's Web site from April through June expressed their opinions about current and potential retail shopping and restaurants in the City. The City's Economic Development Department reported that 256 residents responded to the survey. About half of the respondents (50.8%) live in the PebbleCreek area, while 25.4% live in the Palm Valley and Estrella Mountain Ranch areas. The remaining 23.8% of respondents live in the many other residential developments within the City.

"Respondents like the retail and restaurants we have but want more of every type particularly 'high-end' shops," said Gayle Rusing, the City's project manager for retail attraction. "High-end retailers (and restaurants) affiliate with heavy densities of high-income residents and/or a regional shopping center, so Goodyear is in a good position to attract high-end retail with the development of the coming regional mall," she added.

Ms. Rusing noted that the shopping mall, to be located on McDowell Road at Bullard Avenue, likely will begin construction in about five to six years.

Retail/Survey

Quality of retail shopping

Satisfied/Very Satisfied	45%
Neutral	27%
Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied	28%

Variety of retail shopping

Satisfied/Very Satisfied	13%
Neutral	28%
Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied	59%

Quality of restaurants

Satisfied/Very Satisfied	58%
Neutral	23%
Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied	19%

Variety of restaurants

Satisfied/Very Satisfied	39%
Neutral	22%
Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied	39%

Your Opinion Counts!

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, *Citizen's CitySource Office*, 190 N. Litchfield Road, P.O. Box 5100 Goodyear, AZ 85338, or E-mail to Ldillard@ci.goodyear.az.us.

Comments (please print): _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____



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Have comments about the *CityReport*?
Need an alternative format?

Contact the Community Initiatives Dept.,
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City Telephone Numbers

24-Hour City Hotline	(623) 932-1716
Building Safety	(623) 932-3004
City Clerk	(623) 882-7830
City Court	(623) 932-3013
City Hall (Mayor, City Council, City Manager)	(623) 932-3910
Community Advocate	(623) 882-7800
Community Initiatives (Intergovernmental, Citizen, Neighborhood and Communication Programs)	(623) 882-7808
Crisis Services Line	(623) 882-7677
Dead Animal Removal	(602) 222-8555
Economic Development	(623) 932-3025
Emergency Operations Center (when activated)	(623) 882-7000
Fire Department	(623) 932-2300
Job Openings	(623) 932-1716
Planning & Zoning	(623) 932-3005
Police Department	(623) 932-1220
Public Works (Garbage/Trash/Recycle, Park/Pool/Recreation, Streets/Transportation, Water Quality/Pressure)	(623) 932-1637
Utility Start/Bill Payment	(623) 932-3015

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